

Dear Jerry,

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Yesterday I received your 10/30 tape. Don't worry about rewinding tapes. But when you find one that sticks use something like a Bic pen to put in the hub and start it past a point where it sticks. Sometime I can do this with my little finger.

I did not know that McMillan was on the Today show Tuesday at 10/26. Nobody has even mentioned it. Made no impact. What is the name of the black guy on with him? Ask NBC for a tape, in your own name. From what you say this sounds like one I've briefed, Donovan Gay. If so I'll be seeing him and I'll ask him. But you might want it and I think I do. You have a better chance because the book does mention you. Don't do it in Jimmy's name.

I have not seen the Newsweek review either.

What else did you write? What kind of suit are you thinking of filing? If you want to do anything like this speak to Jim and see if he can handle it. I don't want him to get bogged down in these kinds of things now but if they should be done let him do it. He is the only one who is a lawyer and knows enough and can be trusted. There are elements and angles you and Jimmy do not know. Jim can, for example, file in Washington right now. He's crazy if he lets Jimmy bog him down again, though.

You talk about filing in Tennessee. With the experiences we've had with judges there? Wrong, entirely wrong. Washington and Boston are best and Jim can handle Washington. Besides, you can't sue in Knoxville. You don't live there, they don't do business there so that court has no jurisdiction. Besides, you have to show more than \$10,000 in damages to get into federal court. But above all don't rush again and mess up like Jimmy did.

I've given you our schedule. We have enough time for a talk if you are at the gate and walk from one part of the airport to another. Have a cart with you. They have them. That way we'll not be slowed down by our bags. Time will be heavy. And don't do as you say, meet us at the ticket counter. You find out what gate we come in on and be waiting where we come out of that gate. We'll have an hour this way. When we get to the plane on which we leave we can go in and get our seats and come out until they leave. So call TWA, as they when this plane gets there, get earlier and be where we come off the plane, not where we get tickets that we already have. As you can see I wrote all this out in advance as soon as I knew.

As of yesterday's mail I'd not heard from Jim. As of last night when we spoke by phone Jim had not for he said nothing. I'll see Jim day after tomorrow. If I hear from John today or tomorrow I'll take that letter to Jim. I have not been in touch with Kershaw and have no intention of being. I'm merely telling you how it looks to me. He has not done well by Jimmy. If he was going to let Jimmy file prove he should at least have seen to it that Jimmy did not ruin himself in his Complaint. Ray, too. Ryan should not have filed that because he knew what was wrong with it. Helping Jimmy does not consist of helping him ruin himself, which is what has been going on. If you don't believe me send Stoner a copy of Jimmy's Complaint and ask Stoner. How much help was it to get a judge to rule that Jimmy is libel proof? Other things can change this but the fact it is was no help and did hurt. I'm telling you only, Not Kershaw and not Jimmy. Ryan is a nice guy and honest. He said this is too much for him I like Richard and Margaret but in this case they did not help Jimmy. You people have yet to learn that doing what Jimmy wants is not helping him. Sometimes he has to be opposed. Talk to Jim about this.

You started to say something about "we have three hundred and three thousand." What is that about? You shifted to something else.

You are right about others not having been able to prevent Jimmy's mistakes. But there was a difference with Kershaw. He could have said now I'm the lawyer, you do it my way of bye, bye buddies. With his experiences I'm sure that if Jim does anything more there will be an iron-clad guarantee of this kind, beginning with Jimmy levelling with him. If Jimmy doesn't, Jim would be crazy to do more than he is in now. I learned the hard way, but not wanting to force Jimmy. I should have. All I did was argue. Nonetheless ask Jim what the meaning of the evidence I developed and he put in the record is for Jimmy plus what I am now getting is and can be...I've answered every tape I've received...let me borrow that cassette of George. And get the alligator-clip cord like I told you so the quality will be good. One clip goes on each connection to the TV speaker, the plug then goes into the microphone hole in the recorder. You'll get decent sound that way. Sincerely,